



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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20.		Favor	Alison Jordan	30% of guns recovered by ATF in California have no serial number on them, illustrating the increasing prevalence of ghost guns in the state.
			Amanda Lasher	Hi there! My name is Amanda Lasher and I'm writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. I have 2 daughters and do you know how many conversations I have had with my daughters about gun violence. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal.
			Cheryl R Revkin	I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I support the passage of Item 20 regarding tracking of illegal guns (GHOST GUNS). We cannot allow Do It Yourself /homemade guns to be made and circulated in California. These guns are used primarily by criminal enterprises, gun traffickers, and right wing extremists to commit crimes with untraceable guns, likely purchased and/or made by people who could not otherwise legally purchase or possess a gun because they could not pass a background check and/or do not want to adhere to the waiting period. By the fact of no serial #s on these guns, the work of law enforcement is undermined in apprehending the perpetrators. Although California has some of the strongest gun laws, GHOST GUNS circumvent these laws. We need cooperation between local, state and federal ATF agencies to stop the proliferation of these guns, already being made, purchased and used in gun violence in our communities. These guns need to stay off of our streets. I urge the a vote IN FAVOR of this ITEM 20
			Courtney Mauger	See PDF above. I want to keep my toddler and all other loves ones of mine and others, safe.



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20.		Favor	Denise S Woods	<p>I'm writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal.</p> <p>Ghost guns allow people who cannot legally purchase or possess guns to circumvent state and federal laws, such as background checks and waiting periods.</p> <p>Because of the lack of serial numbers, ghost guns undermine the work of law enforcement – it is impossible for law enforcement to effectively trace these firearms when they are used to commit crimes. When law enforcement officers recover unserialized—and therefore untraceable—guns at crime scenes, their criminal investigations are stymied before they even start.</p> <p>30% of guns recovered by ATF in California have no serial number on them, illustrating the increasing prevalence of ghost guns in the state.</p> <p>The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has seen an increase of over 130% in ghost gun recoveries from 2020 to November 2022.</p> <p>Continued cooperation between local, state, and federal authorities is imperative to curbing access to ghost guns.</p>
			Jane Gould	<p>This is such an important issue. Thank you for pursuing a partnership with the ATF and other agencies to track and address the problem of illegal guns. Any steps you take to reduce the flow of weapons is very much appreciated and I hope that your courage and determination will begin to make an impact on the rest of the country.</p>



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			Jennifer Kumin	My name is Jen & I am a mom living in Sherman Oaks and writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal. thanks, Jen Kumin Sherman Oaks
			Jessica Craven	I'm writing as a mom and a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal. Thanks!
			Jodie Francisco	I'm writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal.
			Jose Goles	
			Joyce D Roberts-Stein	



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			Kate Salazar	I am a concerned constituent of Los Angeles County and am completely in favor of tracking illegal guns. Ghost guns are homemade and are therefore untraceable which makes it more difficult for the police in our county to do their job in tracking criminals. This is a loophole that allows people who cannot purchase a gun legally to obtain one and be undetected. Local, state and federal authorities should be able to track these ghost guns in order to help keep our communities safer.
			Laura Mannino	I'm writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal.
			Lisa Beebe	<p>As a Los Angeles resident who votes in every election, I want to express my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal.</p> <p>I am horrified by the number of mass shootings happening all over the United States. I know some communities care more about guns than people, but I believe Los Angeles is different. By taking steps like this, you can show the people who live here that you care about our safety.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Liz Vacco	I support any and all measures that will help to reduce gun violence including this one. As a volunteer with Moms Demand Action, an educator, a mother, a wife and a member of my community, I see the reduction of gun violence as one of the most pressing issues facing our country and our communities today. Thank you for taking these next steps proven to be effective means of tracking and curbing gun violence and making the safety of our communities a priority.

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			Loretta (Worthington	
			Margot Bennett	Women Against Gun Violence supports this recommend and we are excited about all the steps this Board of Supervisors is taking to prevent gun violence in all our communities. Tracking illegal guns in Los Angeles County is one critical piece of the puzzle that will help prevent gun violence. Thank you.
			Mia Porter	<p>I'm writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to show my support for Item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns in the County. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal.</p> <p>Ghost guns allow people who cannot legally purchase or possess guns to circumvent state and federal laws, such as background checks and waiting periods.</p> <p>Because of the lack of serial numbers, ghost guns undermine the work of law enforcement – it is impossible for law enforcement to effectively trace these firearms when they are used to commit crimes. When law enforcement officers recover unserialized—and therefore untraceable—guns at crime scenes, their criminal investigations are stymied before they even start.</p> <p>30% of guns recovered by ATF in California have no serial number on them, illustrating the increasing prevalence of ghost guns in the state.</p> <p>The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has seen an increase of over 130% in ghost gun recoveries from 2020 to November 2022.</p> <p>Continued cooperation between local, state, and federal authorities is imperative to curbing access to ghost guns.</p>
			Patrick Voetberg	Do anything and everything you can to get rid of ALL guns! Thank you.



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			Ray fossati	
			Raymond F Paloutzian	Not One More! It is time for "we the people" of LA County to begin the long hard task of ending murders by gunshot in our county. Approval of Item 20 will be one, small but good, step towards that end. Thank you.
			Regan C Mozingo	The more gun control the better.
			Rosemary Doherty	I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action and want to show my support for Item. 20 tracking illegal guns in the county. Ghost guns are do-it-yourself, homemade guns that are purchased without a background check on any other traceable documentation. Ghost gun recoveries are on the rise, with most being connected to criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far right extremists. While the state of California has some of the strongest ghost guns laws, continued coordination between local, state and federal authorities is needed to help ensure these dangerous weapons stay off our streets. I urge the council to vote in favor of this proposal



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			Valerie Hurt	<p>I'm a parent and community men writing in support of Item 20. Ghost guns allow people who cannot legally purchase or possess guns to circumvent state and federal laws, such as background checks and waiting periods.</p>

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20.		Favor	Wendy Ramallo	As a lifelong resident of LA County and Moms Demand Action volunteer I am writing in support of Item 20. Illegal weapons in the hands of prohibited persons and specifically ghost guns are clear threat to public safety and more needs to be done to effectively track and trace their origins, remove them and prevent them from getting into the hands of felons and probationers. This issue is even more imperative for residents of the LA County residents of the I-10 corridor in the 5th and 1st Districts where guns are coming in from out of LA county and out of our State and used in the commission of crimes in LA County. A regional approach to illegal gun trafficking is needed. Information needs to be shared not only between agencies but publicly and greater collaborative efforts from our law enforcement agencies needs to be supported and resourced properly. Thank you for your leadership on this issue and I strong support this item.
		Oppose	Steven Bravo	
		Item Total	33	
Grand Total			33	

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To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

26 February 2023

Re: Meeting Tuesday, 28 February 2023
Agenda Item # 20

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of Los Angeles County and very strongly ask you to vote in favor of agenda item 20: Tracking Illegal Guns. It will establish a good common-sense policy that will help prevent gun deaths. Importantly, it does not interfere with anyone's legitimate ownership of a gun. Considerations follow.

Easy access to guns (including ghost guns) by children, teenagers, people at risk of suicide, and of course wife abusers who have a known higher probability of murdering their wives, results in many ugly, needless, and grievous shootings every year. Certain people should not have easy access to guns. Death by gunshot is now the greatest cause of death among children and teenagers – more than any disease, automobile accidents, or other causes. And almost one-third of the guns in California are unlicensed. They are the so-called ghost guns. Because they do not have a serial number, it is more difficult for law enforcement personnel to trace them and apprehend the person who committed a crime using the gun. Also, in addition to being so easy to get (they can be purchased online), as is their ammunition, there are no background checks upon the purchase of such a gun. Add to the above-noted factors that they can be bought and sold privately (i.e., secretly) between individuals, and the stage is set for even more people who should not possess a gun to get ahold of one and, unfortunately, use it.

I ask you to approve of agenda item # 20.

I make this request as a surviving victim of gun violence. When I was 20 years old, I saw my sister shot in the head and my father shot in the chest with a pistol. These shootings occurred in Los Angeles County. Please do your part to help such crimes cease in our county.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Raymond F. Paloutzian
Claremont, CA
Volunteer with Mom's Demand Action and Everytown for Gun Safety